

## House Resolution No. 273

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed with exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, Edith “Demp” Wooldridge Williams, lifelong resident of southwest Missouri, has added two more years to her much-exalted status as Missouri Centenarian; and

**Whereas**, born on January 30, 1902, to Benjamin and Jenny Wooldridge, Demp Williams enjoyed a childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, after which she went on to establish a family of her own; and

**Whereas**, Demp Williams has been blessed with wonderful children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Demp Williams enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America’s preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to commemorate momentous occasions in the lives of such stellar citizens as Demp Williams:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundred Second Birthday of Demp Williams and to convey to her this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for continued happiness; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Edith “Demp” Wooldridge Williams.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Gene Taylor  
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 273, adopted January 29, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker